

### Remarks

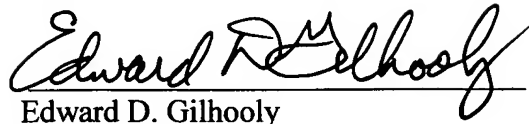
By this amendment independent Claims 2 and 5 have been amended. Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been cancelled. The specification has been amended to cure certain obvious errors. Applicant has endeavored to overcome the rejections on indefiniteness of Claim 2. It is now believed that Claims 2 and 5 are now in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of the rejection thereof is solicited.

Claim 2 has been amended to include the features that the hole extends through the block and that the pair of sidewalls has a plurality of holes to receive mechanical fasteners. The features of cancelled Claims 3 and 4 were also added to Claim 2. Claim 2 was rejected alternatively under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) on 35 U.S. C. 103(a) on Gozdzia. It is submitted that the foregoing patent does not show the features of amended Claim 2. Claim 2 now recites that the threaded hole extends through the block for better securement. It should be noted that the rod 50 of Gozdzia can only partially extend into block 52 because of the presence of pin 56. The presence of pin 56 also dictates that the block is only secured to the bracket by the pin and such a mounting does not achieve the optimum strength needed under hurricane conditions. The anchoring system of Claim 2 is further strengthened by the provisions of holes on both side walls for receiving mechanical fasteners. Thus, the system of Claim 2 provides greater strength than Gozdzia. and Claim 2 is patentable over the reference.

Claim 5 claims the bracket and block and is patentable over Gozdzia for the same reasons as stated in connection with Claim 2. It should also be noted that holes in the sidewalls of the bracket are recited in Claim 5 as being offset from each other to insure the mechanical fasteners of the opposite walls do not interfere with each other and also to reduce the likelihood that truss will split, even when up to eight nails and like are present.

For these reasons, a Notice of Allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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